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SUBJECT: JUNE 16 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE 16, 1977:

1. SOUTH AFRICA: THE SWITZERLAND OF AFRICA?

SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL PARTY, INCLUDING PRIME
MINISTER VORSTER, HAVE REPUDIATED MAJOR ELEMENTS OF A
CABINET OFFICER'S SUGGESTION TO ESTABLISH A SWISS CANTON
TYPE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WITH POSSIBLE FUTURE PARTI-
CIPATION OF URBAN BLACKS. (CAPE TOWN 995, CONFIDENTIAL)

2. TITO'S RUMORED TRAVEL.

THE PRC EMBASSY'S POLITICAL COUNSELOR TOLD EMBASSY MOSCOW
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THAT PLANS WERE AFOOT FOR TITO TO VISIT MOSCOW, PYONGYANG
AND PEKING BEGINNING IN LATE AUGUST. HE ALSO SAID THAT
TITO MAY SEEK TO AMELIORATE THE POOR STATE OF SINO-SOVIET
RELATIONS, BUT THAT THE ISSUES SEPARATING THEM REMAIN
INTRACTABLE. (MOSCOW 8599, CONFIDENTIAL)

3. CHINESE COMMENTARY ON SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS

A PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTARY DENOUNCED RECENT SOVIET ATTACKS ON CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY AND VOWED THAT PEKING WILL CONTINUE TO VOICE ITS OPPOSITION TO SOVIET POLICIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES. (PEKING 1214, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. TOTH INTERROGATION: THE REAL REASON

EMBASSY MOSCOW BELIEVES THAT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE TOTH INTERROGATION WAS TO BUTTRESS THE KGB CASE AGAINST SHCHARANSKIY AND POSSIBLY OTHER DISSIDENTS, ESPECIALLY REFUSENIKS. THE EMBASSY INTENDS TO PROTEST THE TOTH EPISODE AND RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON TAKE PARALLEL ACTION. (MOSCOW 8677, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

5. US-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION

AMBASSADOR KUBISCH REPORTS THAT GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS SEEMED TO REACT FAVORABLY TO THE USG DEMARCHE ON CONCLUDING THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT. BITSIOS PROMISED A PROMPT RESPONSE AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET. (ATHENS 5614, SECRET/EXDIS)

6. JUNBLATT ON INTERNAL LEBANESE SITUATION

DRUZE LEADER WALID JUNBLATT INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR PARKER THAT HE WANTS TO RESTORE MARONITE-DRUZE COEXISTENCE.

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